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East Orange City Council  
Special Meeting  
Council Chambers  
City Hall  
Thursday, June 8, 2017

**I. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Councilwoman Jacquelyn E. Johnson  
Councilwoman Tyshammie L. Cooper  
Councilman Casim Gomez  
Councilman Christopher D. James  
Councilwoman Quilla E. Talmadge  
Chairman Theodore R. Green

**ABSENT:** Councilman Romal D. Bullock (vacation), Councilman Mustafa Al-M. Brent (due to work conflict), Councilwoman Amy Lewis, Councilwoman Alicia Holman

The City Clerk determined there was a quorum and the meeting commenced at 5:14 PM.

**CITY OFFICIALS:**

William Senande, City Administrator/Chief Financial Officer

**Also Present:**

Payton Rogers, Esq., Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Ryan Linder, Esq., Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Ibrahim Small, Aide to the Mayor  
Roderick Wallace, Assistant Director, Planning Department

**II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**III. SILENT PRAYER**

IV. **SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT**

**THIS MEETING WHICH CONFORMS WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 231, P.L. 1975, IS A SPECIAL OFFICIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING. NOTICES HAVE BEEN FILED WITH OUR OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER WITH THE CITY CLERK AND POSTED ON THE REGULAR BULLETIN BOARD. THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WHERE STIPULATED ON THE AGENDA.**

V. **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

A. **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Talmadge said the meeting was called so that Council could review and vote on the amendments to the budget and the City Clerk could advertise. Said she and the Chairman met with the Budget Consultant a couple of weeks ago. Said the Chairman explained some of the things he wanted taken out of the budget. Said they did not receive the amendments in time to provide to City Council. Said she distributed some of the amendments this evening. Said the Budget Consultant needed to provide a full explanation regarding how the amendments would be reflected in the budget and affect the budget. Said City Council would not be able to discuss the amendments tonight. Said the next plan of action was to meet on June 20, 2017 to discuss and vote on the amendments at that time.

City Administrator William Senande said the amendments must be provided to Trenton for their approval.

Councilwoman Talmadge asked Chairman Green to request that the amendments be sent to all Members of City Council.

Councilwoman Cooper asked if these were all the cuts or were there more. Councilwoman Talmadge responded those were all of the cuts.

Councilwoman Cooper asked if there were any additional changes. Chairman Green said there were some changes that the Budget Consultant would explain.

Mr. Senande requested the City Council discuss the amendments at the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2017 to ensure the amendments were sent to Trenton on time. Chairman Green said he would not be present for the June 12, 2017 meeting and he wanted to be present when the discussions took place.

Councilwoman Cooper asked when Chairman Green would return from vacation. Chairman Green responded he would return on June 18, 2017.

Councilwoman Cooper said she would not be present on June 20, 2017. Said she would forward any questions she had to the Budget Consultant once she received the amendments.

Mr. Senande said he needed the full changes to send to Trenton or else City Council would have to go over the entire process again.

Councilwoman Johnson said if the Chairman was not present, the adoption of the Budget would have to be moved back.

Councilwoman Talmadge said the City Council would adopt the budget next month.

Councilman James asked that the budget be sent to the entire Council. Councilwoman Talmadge responded the full Body would have the amendments for the June 20, 2017 Meeting.

Councilwoman Johnson said she wanted to see the amendments in their entirety.

Chairman Green said if the Budget is sent down a week or two late, it did not affect the outcome.

Councilwoman Talmadge said the City would have to do another temporary budget for July and the budget can be adopted in July. Said the residents will be upset with estimated tax bills.

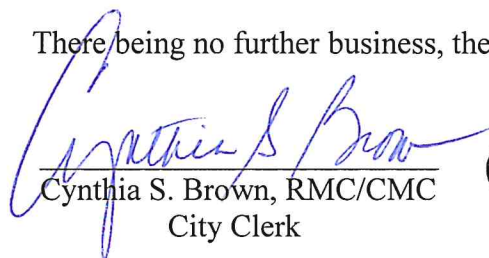
Councilwoman Talmadge said the June 20, 2017 Meeting would be to discuss the amendments, not introduce them.

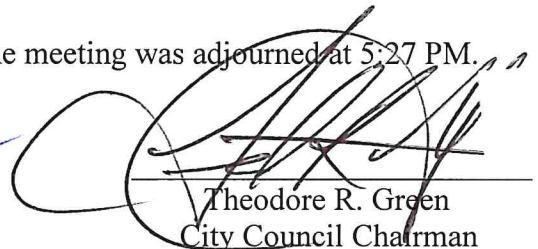
**VI. HEARING OF CITIZENS**

None

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.

  
Cynthia S. Brown, RMC/CMC  
City Clerk

  
Theodore R. Green  
City Council Chairman